continuous process and steps are taken to boost exports in consultation with trade, industry and other concerned institutions.

(b) Exports during April-September, 1995 are valued at US $ 14685 million compared to US $ 11621 million during April-September, 1994.

(c) Enforcement Divisions in the Ministry of Finance and Directorate General of Foreign Trade are continuously keeping watch on export activity in order to restrain the mis-use of concessions being offered to exporters.

Registration of Firms

30. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of firms registered with the Ministry of Labour to send workers abroad;

(b) the measures taken to verify the antecedents of the firms registered; and

(c) the details of workers sent abroad during the last three years, country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) So far 2668 Recruiting Agencies have been issued Registration Certificates under the Emigration Act, 1983. Before issue of Registration Certificate, the antecedents of the proprietor/partners/directors of the agencies are got verified from the concerned police authorities.

(c) A statement indicating the Emigration Clearance/Emigration Check not Required (ECNR) Endorsements issued during the years 1992, 1993, 1994, country-wise, is attached.

Statement

Number of Workers Granted Emigration Clearances/ECNR Endorsements, Country-wise, during the Years 1992, 1993 and 1994.

Country	1992	1993	1994
Bahrain	16,458	15,622	13,806
Oman	40,900	29,056	25,142
United Arab Emirates	60,493	77,066	75,762
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	2,65,180	2,69,639	2,65,875
Kuwait	19,782	26,981	24,324
Others	13,971	19,974	20,476
TOTAL	4,16,784	4,38,338	4,25,385

Crisis faced by Super Bazar

31. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Super Bazar is facing a major crisis expressed through loss of cash and other adverse economic parameters;

(b) what according to Government ails the Super Bazar and measures contemplated to overcome these factors;

(c) whether it is a fact that the employees and officers Associations have submitted a memorandum to Members of Parliament elaborating their perception about the crisis and the possible measures to alleviate the problem; and

if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DEPTT. OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM) (SHRI VENOD SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It has been reported by Super Bazar that no memorandum in this regard has been received from Members of Parliament.

(d) Does not arise.

Denial of MFN status to India by Pakistan

32. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan continues to deny the most favoured nation (MFN) status to 'Indian goods' several months after it ratified the world Trade Organisation (WTO) Agreement with that obligation;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Minister of Commerce propose to move the dispute settlement mechanism of WTO on this issue and also discuss the issue with Commerce Secretary of Pakistan during the meeting of the SAARC Committee on Economic Cooperation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reasons have not been indicated.

(c) In the first instance, the matter has been taken up bilaterally with the Government of Pakistan.

आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना का मूल्यांकन

33. **प्रो० विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा:** क्या योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना का आखिरी मूल्यांकन कब किया गया;

(ख) अब तक इस योजना की कितनी राशि खर्च की जा चुकी है;

(ग) इस योजना के जो लक्ष्य निर्धारित किए गए थे उनमें से कितनों को कम किया गया है; और

(घ) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के लक्ष्यों को पूरा करने के लिए सरकार क्या कदम उठा रही है?

योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलराम सिंह यादव): (क) योजना निष्पादन का मूल्यांकन एक सतत् प्रक्रिया है। बहरहाल, योजना निष्पादन की विस्तृत समीक्षा वार्षिक योजनाओं को तैयार करते समय तथा मध्यावधि मूल्यांकन के दौरान की जाती है।

(ख) प्रथम चार वर्षों (1992—96) के दौरान चालू कीमतों पर कुल प्रत्याशित व्यय 395727 करोड़ रुपये होने का अनुमान है।

(ग) योजना आयोग ने अर्थव्यवस्था के विभिन्न सेक्टरों के लिए आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में निर्धारित किसी लक्ष्य में कटौती नहीं की है।

(घ) योजना आयोग योजना विचार-विमर्शों के दौरान विभिन्न सेक्टरों में योजना लक्ष्यों को मानिटर कर रहा है तथा केन्द्रीय मंत्रालयों/विभागों तथा राज्य सरकारों को इन योजना लक्ष्यों को प्राप्त करने के लिए सलाह दे रहा है।

Children in Beedi-industry in Tamil Nadu

34. SHRI M.A. BABY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that children are employed in the Beedi manufacturing process in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, how many children are working in the Beedi industry and what are the wages being paid to child labourers in the Beedi industry in Tamil Nadu;